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"Taking the troops in the field on the Southern side, we hold that those of no state acquitted themselves with more honor and courage than those of Missouri. The splendid record made by the Missourians at the battle of Wilson's Creek was an inspiration to all Missouri commands during the war. We are borne out by the testimony of the commanders of the armies in which they served, when we say the First and Second Missouri Brigades east of the Mississippi river, more fully represented the chivalry and fighting qualities of those armies, in the long list of battles from Shiloh to the fall of Mobile, than the troops from any other state. On the west side of the Mississippi river, the Missouri troops were always at the front, whether the fighting was in Louisiana, Arkansas or Missouri. And when the end came they were the only troops in the transmississippi department who opposed to the last laying down their arms and giving up the struggle—who preferred exile to surrender.

"It is the lesson of history that the people of any political community who are not able and willing to defend their rights soon have no rights to defend. The talk in vogue about the brotherhood of man and the cessation of war does no great harm, perhaps, as the expression of an abstract sentiment. But the hundreds of millions of unwarlike people of India held in subjection by a few regiments of British soldiers, and the helplessness of that great inert mass of humanity, the Chinese people who have been taught to despise war and look upon soldiering as the lowest of human callings, show that, practically, the sentiment is not only wrong but dangerous. Nations are as much disposed to appeal to the sword to day as in any age of the world. Europe is bristling with armed men from the Bosphorus to the British Channel, and from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea, and the nations only withhold their hands from each other's throats because in the multitude of nationalities, the strongest of them cannot foresee the result of a general war, if one should be inaugurated.

"In the impending crash of nations, in which Asia will be involved as well as Europe, America as well as Asia, Africa as well as America—the United States will have to take its chances—the South as well as the North, and Missouri along with other states. Is this a time, then, for Missourians to forget or ignore the lessons of soldiering taught them by Price and Marmaduke, and Shelby and Bowen and Weightman, and thousands of other dead and living heroes of the war in which strong men struggled valiantly for the mastery? To men of southern sympathies—men of the old pioneer stock—there is much of instruction and incentive in the names and records of their comrades in arms, which ought to be and must be, transmitted to their children for the reputation and safety of the state. The military history of Missouri should be written fully, fairly and honestly, and now is the time to begin the work. The committee has under consideration a plan for collecting the data and raising the funds necessary to the accomplishment of the purpose herein outlined. It will require the support of all the ex confederate soldiers in the state to carry it out successfully, but it will not be burdensome to any of them.

"The honor and glory of this great struggle was with the South and Southern soldiers sought in justice to themselves and their dead comrades to preserve the memory of it. While the North and Northern soldiers are inveighing against all manifestations of sectional feeling, they are erecting monuments to their successful leaders, and telling the story very much to their own credit and to our detriment. We

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